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in Poland, [] various partisan groups operating one specifically, in the forests in the Lublin area. It consisted of approximately twelve men, led by (fnu) Leonowicz, age about 40, who used the name of Burta in his partisan work. Leonowicz lived in Nowosilka prior to the war, and fought in the AK (Armja Krajowa) during the war. I met him in the AK and met him occasionally after the war. I had hidden a rifle and ammunition at the end of the war and knew where a machine gun and additional ammunition was hidden. I told Leonowicz where these caches were concealed.

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Leonowicz engaged in hit-and-run tactics in the Lublin area. He burned grain in the field and attacked UB outposts. The small outposts of the UB and Communist Party members in small towns feared him.

[] Leonowicz was in contact with similar groups, but [] doubt whether there were any large groups of partisans operating in Poland. Partisan activity was more of an annoyance than a danger to the present regime, like a fly irritating an elephant.

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